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1. At the end of December 1950 the operation of three test drills in the oil field area northwest of Plavecky Stvrtok (P49/S81) was halted because of the lack of sufficient means of transportation for the production of the wells 50X1-HUM already brought in in that region. The tests were being made at an average depth of 1,400 meters. Petroleum from the producing wells* is being pumped into barrels and stored at the field. Gas under high pressure is being piped to Bratislava. It is planned to construct a petroleum pipeline to Bratislava in 1951. In addition, a warehouse for storage of barrels is being built in Malacky. Petroleum experts are convinced that the region around Plavecky Stvrtok is rich in petroleum and natural gas.
2. An oil well, reported to be very rich, was brought in at Kiripolec (P49/S82) at 1,800 meters about the end of 1950. Another well was brought in at 50X1-HUM a depth of 600 meters about one kilometer from the Malacky railroad station in the woods on the road to Pernek. So far only samples have been taken from this deposit, but it is believed to be very rich.

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* Comment: between 12 and 15 wells had been brought in in the Plavicky Stvrtok region by the end of 1949. At that time only two were producing.

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